

### **In the Specification**

On page 158, beginning with line 4:

This example describes several modifications of the retroviral vector pKT1 resulting in decreased sequence homology to the retroviral gag/pol and envelope expression constructs. pKT-1 is described in Example 1 herein and is shown schematically in Figure 33. (The construction of the pKT-1 starting material used in the present example is further described in detail in [PCT WO 95/30763 and in co-owned U.S. Serial No. 08/721,327] co-owned United States Patent Numbers 6,013,517, issued January 1, 2000 and 6,333,195, issued December 25, 2001, both of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their [entirety]entirety. In addition, two stop codons were introduced in the DNA sequence of the packaging signal sequence in order to increase the safety of these vectors. All modifications are summarized in Fig. 36 and the resulting retroviral backbones are called pBA-5a, pBA-5b and pBA-5c. Further details on the [contruction] construction of pBA-5a, pBA-5b and pBA-5c are provided in co-owned U.S. Serial No. 08/721,327 and co-owned application attorney docket 1147.004, filed May 5, 1997, entitled "Crossless Retroviral Vectors" and which is also hereby incorporated by reference.